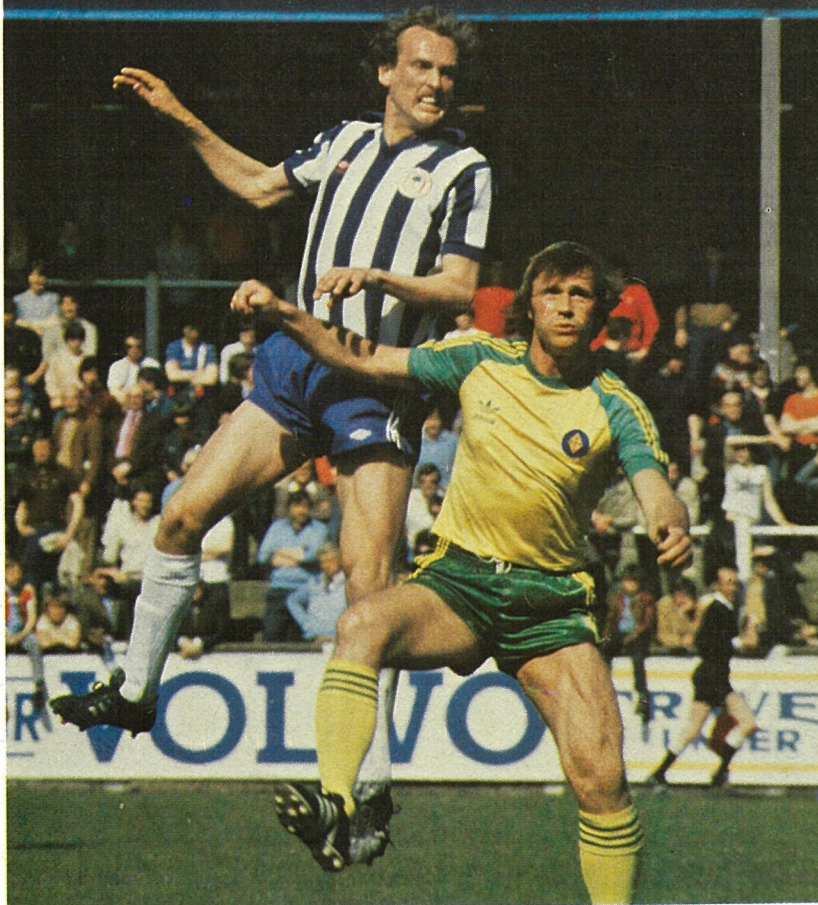


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GOOD AFTERNOON and welcome to Springfield Park for our first home League match of the season. A welcome also to Sheffield United and particularly their manager, Ian Porterfield, who has already made a name for himself as a manager with Rotherham United, and who now has the task of rebuilding the team at Bramall Lane.

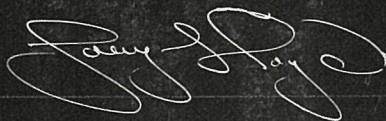
Last Saturday's draw at Valley Parade, Bradford, both pleased and displeased me at one and the same time. Having gained a two-goal advantage, we then, because of two defensive lapses, proceeded to squander a possible three points and eventually ended up with just one point for our efforts. I was delighted to see us scoring goals, since scoring goals is not always easy, but, if I had been one of the scorers, I would have been rather upset at the way we lost our advantage.

Against Stockport County in the Football League Cup, on Monday evening, we again scored three goals, and, this time, with the defence looking as solid as ever, I was a little happier. There are, however, still one or two departments of the team, and one or two aspects of our play, on which we need to work.

On a personal note, I was delighted to score my first goal for Wigan Athletic, especially with it being scored at Springfield Park. My advice to you is that you should "stick around; there's plenty more where that came from!"

Enjoy the game,

Best Wishes,
Larry Lloyd.




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BLADES DISAPPOINT

SHEFFIELD United's first bid to turn the corner back to successful days failed when they were pipped by Second Division Grimsby Town in their section of the pre-season Group Cup ties.

The Blades, who come to Springfield Park today, won their opening game against Doncaster Rovers (2-1) but they then lost to Grimsby Town (0-2) before finishing with a 1-1 draw at Chesterfield. Being the only Fourth Division side in their section, the Blades at least had the consolation of finishing second:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Grimsby Town	3	3	0	0	5	0	9
Sheffield United	3	1	1	1	3	4	4
Doncaster R.	3	1	0	2	3	4	3
Chesterfield	3	0	1	2	1	4	1

Two Fourth Division sides did make it through to the quarter-finals. Bradford City won all three games in their group whilst Peterborough United dropped only one point in their section. "The Posh" also gained two bonus points for scoring three goals against both Notts County and Lincoln City.

The draw for the quarter-finals, to be played on a straight one-match knockout basis on 7th December is:

Burnley v Watford
Bradford City v Shrewsbury Town
Peterborough United v Wimbledon
Newport County v Grimsby Town

It was a good start for Bradford City player-manager Roy McFarland, particularly their concluding 3-0 victory over Second Division Rotherham United whose player-manager is another former England star — Emlyn Hughes. All Bradford's goals against Rotherham came in a purple ten-minute spell mid-way through the second half, from Bobby Campbell, John Black and Barry Gallagher.

Campbell scored in two of their three ties and looks set to emulate last season's performance when he topped the scoring list at Valley Parade with 22 goals. Yet there was some uncertainty about his position at the beginning of last season when then-manager George Mulhall warned Campbell that he would have to put in more effort or be placed on the transfer list.

The turnabout in his career came when he scored the goal that defeated mighty Liverpool in a League Cup tie in August, 1980. Though City were well beaten at Anfield in the second-leg, that performance inspired Campbell who began hitting the target regularly throughout the campaign.

Peterborough United's scoring double act of Robbie Cooke and Billy Kellock were much in evidence in the Posh's successful Group Cup venture. Cooke, top scorer with 28 goals last season, scored once at Norwich and twice against Notts County. Kellock got off the mark with a penalty against Lincoln City. He netted 14 times last season.

The thing about this pair is that they both got a second crack in League soccer after being thrown on the scrapheap. Cooke was released by Mansfield Town after making only seven full League appearances for the club. He joined non-League Grantham and it was from them that he signed for Peterborough for £12,000 just over a year ago. He certainly grabbed his second chance with both feet!!

The same can be said of Kellock who had previously tried his luck with Cardiff, Norwich and Millwall. He started his come-back with Kettering and, after moving to Peterborough for £33,000 in 1979, topped the club's scoring list with 23 in his first season.

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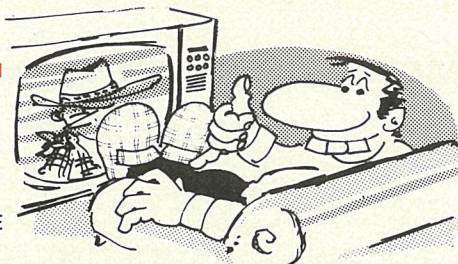
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COMING SHORTLY

NORTHAMPTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

NORTHAMPTON TOWN Football Club was founded in 1897, turned professional in 1901, the year in which the club became a limited company. It was some twenty years, however, before the club became an original member of the Third Division of the Football League, in 1920. During the period 1921 to 1958 "Cobblers" performed steadily and consistently at Third Division level and enjoyed a period of involvement with the Fourth Division between 1958 and 1961. Then things really began to happen down at the County Ground.

Twice in seasons 1927-1928 and 1949-1950, the "Cobblers" had finished runners-up in the old Third Division (South), but other than occasional sallies into the Fifth Round of the F.A. Cup, moments of delight and glory were few and far between. Between 1961 and 1965, however, Northampton Town rocketed from the Fourth Division to the First Division of the Football League, as goals and points were acquired by a succession of talented players urged on by a fanatical following that revelled in the fairy-tale story of success. As if to emphasise the magnificence of the club's achievement, fate then conspired, just as rapidly, between 1966 and 1968, to send Northampton Town plummeting back into the Fourth Division, where, but for one brief season in 1976-1977, they have remained ever since. The shock of so rapid a demotion, after so dramatic a promotion, must have been very hard to bear for the club's hard working directors and management and the loyal supporters. Today, as the star of the Northants. County Cricket Club shines brightly over the County ground, the battle to regain former status goes on for those burdened with the task of providing League Soccer for Northampton Town enthusiasts.

For those interested in statistics, we provide the following information:

The County Ground is situated in Abington Avenue, and has a capacity of 20,000, with 1,959 seats. The record attendance recorded was the 24,523 spectators who attended the game against Fulham, in Football League Division 1, on 23rd April, 1966. Record receipts of £17,438 were taken for a game against Manchester United. Pitch measurements are 120 yards x 75 yards.

The club's record victory, 10-0, was recorded against Walsall in a Third Division (South) game, played, appropriately enough, on the 5th November, 1927. To balance this, the club's record defeat was 0-10, against Bouremouth, in a Third Division (South) game, played on 2nd September, 1939.

Over the past two seasons, Northampton Town Football Club have been gathering their strength for another attempt to gain promotion to a higher level, and should provide excellent opposition in the game to be played at Springfield Park in the near future.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SATURDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER, 1981

WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- NORTHAMPTON TOWN

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

KICK-OFF 3 p.m.

12th Altrincham

15th Port Vale

19th Northampton Town

23rd Port Vale

26th Chorley

29th Chester

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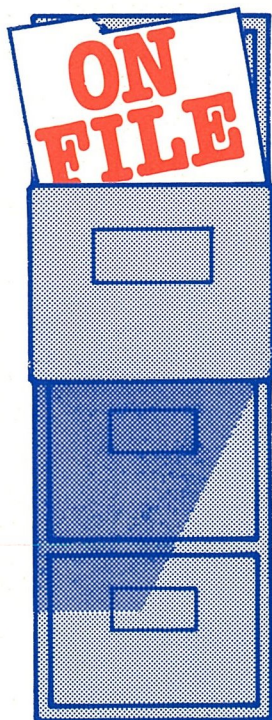
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IN THE past few weeks I have received notification of a couple of new schemes being operated by the Football League which you may have read about in the press. The first is the Associate Members' Floodlit Competition (now there's a name that rolls off the tongue). As you may or may not know, the Football League is divided into Members (i.e. 1st and 2nd Division Clubs) and Associate Members (i.e. the rest of us in the 3rd and 4th Divisions) and this competition is aimed at staging exciting and money making fixtures after most of us are out of the running for the F.A. Cup. The clubs will be divided into a Northern Section and a Southern Section, with the winners of each meeting in a final on Saturday, 5th June, possibly at Wembley. The dates of the rounds are on or around the following dates:

Round 1	17th February
Round 2	21st April (all dates)
Round 3	12th May
Quarter Finals	19th May
Semi Finals	2nd June 1982
Final	5th June

There is only one match in each round, with 30 minutes extra time and then penalties to decide the winner. A couple of points of interest are that two substitutes are allowed in each game and penalty points acquired by players

booked or sent off will **not** count towards the club's total for the year, but they will affect the player's individual total. Even so, we may all have to go to Wembley three times this year, and whilst we are there, there'll be plenty of Pepsi Cola to drink because that Company has now launched the "Pepsi Golden Goals Campaign". Each month, the club in each division with the most points receives £1,000 (£250 of which should go to charity) with points being awarded for each Home Goal and two points for each away. (Yes, that's right we're top so far!) £5,000 and a trophy go to the season's overall winners in each division. £1,000 also goes to the player with the most points in each division at the end of the season and £5,000 goes to any player scoring 35 league goals.

Here's hoping we pick up the A.M.F.C. Trophy and a few Pepsi Awards on the way — but perhaps it should be noted that if the Pepsi scheme was in operation last season, Leicester would have won it one month and look what happened to them. As, for me, I'm keeping an optimistic eye on the Bells Manager of the Month, because I know Larry Lloyd isn't fond of whisky!!

Cheers. Colin Burke Secretary



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THE LOCAL VIEW



by Harold Ashurst

WITH THE amateur leagues in the area now getting into the groove and the schools reporting back this week there is a lot happening on the local soccer front and already trophies have been decided.

Oddfellows had one of the biggest wins ever on Sunday when they thrashed Plough 4-0 in the final of the Post and Chronicle Sunday Soccer League 7-a-side competition. Plough had only six men throughout the tournament so just to get to the final was a magnificent feat. Goose Green's Mark Abbott suffered a tragedy in the same competition when he was carried off the field with a broken ankle.

Referees in the Post Sunday League should be feeling happier — their fees have been increased to £4.

The dispute in this league between Aspull and Balcarres has now been settled.

Last week the Lancashire Football Association suggested a meeting between the two parties in a bid to solve the row that has led to them being refused admission to the League.

They did meet and have decided to carry on in the name of Aspull Victoria and with that the League decided to reinstate Victoria to Division One.

Condolences go out to Wigan

Amateur League General Secretary Mike Taylor whose father died last week. Norman Taylor was a former auditor with the Wigan Amateur League and like his son, was mad keen on local soccer. He died in hospital on Friday and the funeral took place last Tuesday.

Richard Mason joined a select band when he played his 300th game for Bethel in the Amateur League recently.

To mark the achievement he was presented with a memento by team manager Stephen Rollins — himself a member of the exclusive "300 club".

The Amateur League have agreed to postpone a forthcoming game next month because of a wedding.

Orrell Celtic's Phillip Knight ties the knot on October 3 but the reason for the cancellation of the game is that the team manager and secretary have been invited to the ceremony. They should be because they are Phillip's Dad and Mum Eddie and Eileen.

Garswood United are the only club with a 100 per cent record in the first division of the Liverpool and District Combination following their recent 2-1 away win at Cardinal Allen, and are early favourites for the championship honours.

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Above: Les Bradd and Roy McFarland clash in this fine action shot. **Below:** Clive Evans shows his delight at driving home his second goal at Valley Parade. *Photographs by courtesy of David Cookson.*



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THINGS HAVE certainly been happening down at Springfield Park since the last issue of our programme. As far as the Commercial Department goes, the most noteworthy item is the decision of Baldwin Timberlake Limited to accept a package that includes shirt advertising, ground advertising, programme advertising and match sponsorship, in return for a consideration greater than any other previously negotiated on behalf of the Football Club. Due to the requirements of Football Association legislation, it may be a week or two before you see our players running out onto the park with the word **BALDWINS** emblazoned across the chests of their shirts. We would like to place on record our sincere appreciation to the directors and management of Baldwin Timberlake Limited, of Wallgate, Wigan, a go-ahead local company known not only as a principal British Leyland Distributor, but also as stockists of a large selection of quality used cars, in addition to providing Unipart, servicing, workshop and Budget Rental facilities. We look forward to a long and happy association with this company. Furthermore, we have been informed, though no details are yet available, that Mr. Charlton, our director, has successfully negotiated an agreement with another company that involves playing kit and finance being provided to the Football Club. Certainly, support of this kind, at

a time when the recession being experienced by the country has not yet bottomed out, is much appreciated and augurs well for the future.

I would like to express my appreciation to all those people who have been kind enough to offer comments about our new-style programme. Obviously, there have been one or two criticisms made, but of a constructive nature, and, given a little time to iron out our teething problems, I am sure that in each issue we will be able to provide our regular readers with an informative and up-to-date commentary on the club's activities and matters of general interest to all local soccer followers. While we are dealing with the matter of programmes, can I again draw your attention to the fact that we arrange collection of a limited number of programmes for each competitive away game played by our first team. These away programmes are available within 72 hours of the game having been played, and are sold strictly on a first come, first served basis. We would point out that we can sell 100 such copies very quickly, so, to avoid disappointment, please purchase early. A ten pence charge, over and above the cover price, is charged to meet cost of collection etc. It is also possible to obtain copies of programmes exchanged with other Football League clubs at the Programme Centre, which is open before, during, and after every first team home game.

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by Dave Brooks

WELL it looks like a good start to the 1981/2 campaign.

The first team have got off to a good start with the valuable point at Bradford and the great League Cup victory over Stockport in the first leg on Bank Holiday Monday.

Meanwhile in the Reserves we were delighted to get back to Saturday football with a good 1-0 home win over Port Vale in the Lancashire League. The Youth team also proved successful by notching up a 4-3 win over Crewe Alexandra with two good goals from young Mark Shaw who I know is rated highly by Fred Eyre.

So far as the Reserves are concerned I was particularly pleased with the attitude of the Senior "pros", who were a credit to themselves and to the club and Neil Davids would never forgive me if I didn't mention that it was his well-taken goal that eventually proved the difference between

the two teams.

The youngsters in the team also impressed and we really should have won more convincingly with Mark Edwards hitting the post and "Pop" Freeman failing to convert our first penalty of the season.

However I feel all spectators present would agree with me that Reserve team football at Springfield Park this season promises to be good entertainment and I hope that the fair crowd we had on Saturday will increase as the season progresses. I will endeavour to have the fixtures advertised well in advance in the local papers. In the meantime please make a note in your diaries that the UMBRO floodlight League fixtures commence at home with a match against Port Vale on Tuesday the 15th September and our next home league game is on Saturday the 12th September against Altrincham.

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Towards the close of last season, we introduced the Wigan Athletic Supporters' 300-Club. This has given a tremendous boost to our funds, and, after the last draw is made in October for the three colour televisions and three portable televisions, we will be starting over again. The first draw of the new series is to be held in November. For the people who do not know about the 300-Club, this is what is involved. Each member pays a monthly subscription of £2.00, and the first payment for the new series is due on the 1st October, 1981. Each member therefore, elects to pay a total of £12.00 (each 300-Club series last six months) and the member is eligible for six draws for prizes as described below:-

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June - £60 J.R. Gray, £30 J. Baker, £15 M. Holgate.

July - £60 I. Magee, £30 G. Collier, £15 L. Bold.

August - £60 J. Jackson, £30 T. Dempsey £15 C. B. Peet.

Sept. - £60 B. Connolly, £30 F. Monk, £15 J. Peel.

The first series draw for the televisions will take place on Wednesday, 7th October, 1981, at 9.00 p.m. in the Supporters' Club.

THE NOEL WARD BENEFIT

The next concert to be held in the club in connection with the Noel Ward benefit will be on Wednesday, 16th September, when the attraction will be "Kettle". Tickets are priced at 50 pence.

On Thursday, 29th October, we are holding a film show in the Supporters' Club showing highlights from F.A. Cup Finals 1923-1973, and the Match of the Day film of the Third Round F.A. Cup tie between Manchester City and Wigan Athletic (better known as "Corrigan's Last Stand"). Tickets will soon be on sale, inclusive of programme, at a price of 75p. Entertainment in the club this weekend is provided as follows:-

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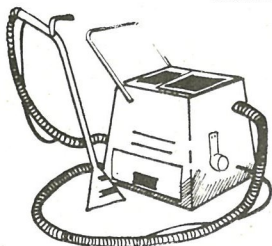
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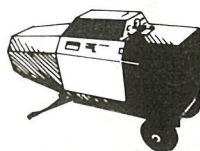
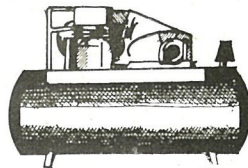
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THIS afternoon we have the privilege of entertaining one of soccer's most distinguished clubs — Sheffield United Football Club. Almost 100 years old, Sheffield United have in a long and notable history experienced all the joys and heartaches that are associated with our national game. This year, however, the stalwarts of Bramall Lane are destined to come to grips with life as it is lived in the lower reaches of the Football League. For a club whose rightful place should be in the First Division, the tragedy of last year's relegation must be a very bitter pill to swallow. Such, however, is the contrary nature of fortune that even the mighty

are sometimes brought low and forced to regather their strength before rising yet again to their true status in life.

We would like to offer a particularly warm welcome to all sections of "The Blades" support, whether our visitors be directors, management, staff or loyal fans. Rivalry between Lancashire and Yorkshire clubs, at Fourth Division level, is particularly fierce and uncompromising. We look forward to a very competitive game which we hope will be played in a hard but sporting fashion. The Sheffield United Football Club is already being tipped by the experts for a quick return to the Third Division, and we trust the quality of our

football in the coming season will be sufficient to earn promotion, after narrow escapes in the past three seasons.

We are looking forward to our return game, to Bramall Lane, on the 9th January, when 15,000 seats will be available. I doubt that Sheffield United have the best facilities for a Fourth Division team, but that it can only be bettered before Ian Porterfield and his team to grace the setting.

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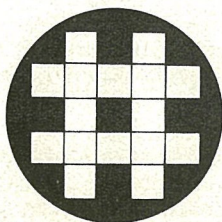


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PUZZLE PAGE



ON THE BALL No. 2

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.
"The Red Dragons"; Mackay managed here; --- Duncan, old Blackburn boss; The League's 92.

CLUB CLUB No. 2

Solve this cryptic club to identify a soccer side:

An earl's lined up to play for them.

MIXED DOUBLES No. 2

Re-order the letters in each of the words **ALBINO** and **STAINS** to find two club nicknames.

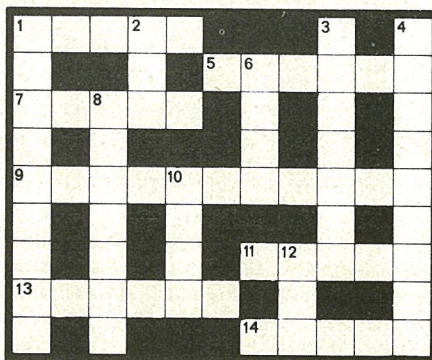
QUICK QUIZ No. 2

- Which two English clubs contested a UEFA Cup final?
- Which club was relegated in 1926 despite having scored 89 goals?
- Who was the last Englishman to score in three successive England-Scotland games?
- Who was the last player sent off in an FA Cup final?
- Who was said to 'bite yer legs'?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 30

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1981/82 SERIES



SOCCER NINETY NINER

No. 2 (compiled by David Peck)

ACROSS

- May, maybe (5)
- Defender who sounds as if he should have been with the Lions but was actually with the Tigers until he joined the Wolves! (6)
- Maybank, maybe (5)
- One of the famous Glasgow grounds (7,4)
- Jankovic (Middlesbrough & Yugoslavia) (5)
- Defender who made around a century of appearances for Orient then switched to QPR in 1978 and did the same for them (6)
- Equalise (5)

DOWN

- One of Swansea's close-season signings (9)
- It would make a change for Colchester (3)
- Nickname of England's latest European Cup Contenders (7)
- In 1971 this club was in Division One, in 1981 ... Division Four (9)
- One of the Buckley brothers (4)
- Former Fulham, Chelsea, Philadelphia Fury and Eire defender who became player-manager of Maidenhead in 1981 (7)
- One of 1 down's goalkeeping brothers (4)
- The number of times Arsenal have actually won promotion (3)

OUT & ABOUT

WITH CHRIS GILL



MANY people often query how reports of Wigan Athletic matches, played out and about the country, are collected so quickly for publication in the Football Pink just after 5 p.m. It is quite simply that I glue a telephone to an ear for 90 minutes and probably bore the pants off some pretty, non-understanding typist at the other end of the 'phone with my account of the match. Apart from minor problems, such as the telephone being out of order, or simply not available, the work of art can usually be put together without too much difficulty. That is . . . most of the time!!

On one occasion, at Port Vale, yours truly was squashed up alongside two females in the corner of what can be loosely termed a Press Box, but where everyone and anyone tends to congregate. After a particular Vale player had completed a nasty tackle on a Latics player, I dutifully painted a less than rosy picture of his misdemeanour . . . and received a huge scowl from the woman next to me. She was later identified as THAT player's mother . . . Oops!

Another difficulty encountered occasionally is establishing just who did what in a split second, or thereabouts, and

there are occasions when that is much easier said than done. Getting a fact wrong, especially when every other fan on the ground got it right, is a journalist's greatest fear. It happens to everyone at some time, and my tale of woe occurred at Bournemouth's Dean Court ground a couple of seasons ago. I was positioned in a spot in the Press Box in the space usually reserved for visiting press men — behind a blooming great big pillar — that obscured one of the goals completely. Suddenly the home side hit back through an own goal. "A Fretwell own goal" the home hacks chorused unanimously, and the fact was immediately recorded. Afterwards it was discovered that it was not Dave who had netted, but Joe Hinnigan, and off went the locals in time to correct their mistake, but leaving me with a red face. Still, when Dave Fretwell found out he did not mind the error, and it certainly cheered big Joe up no end!

Those of you who travelled to Bradford last weekend would have seen Larry Lloyd's "Last Tango at Valley Parade" with Roy McFarland. For those of you who didn't, it brought warm applause, plus two 5.8's and a 5.9 from three wags in the crowd!

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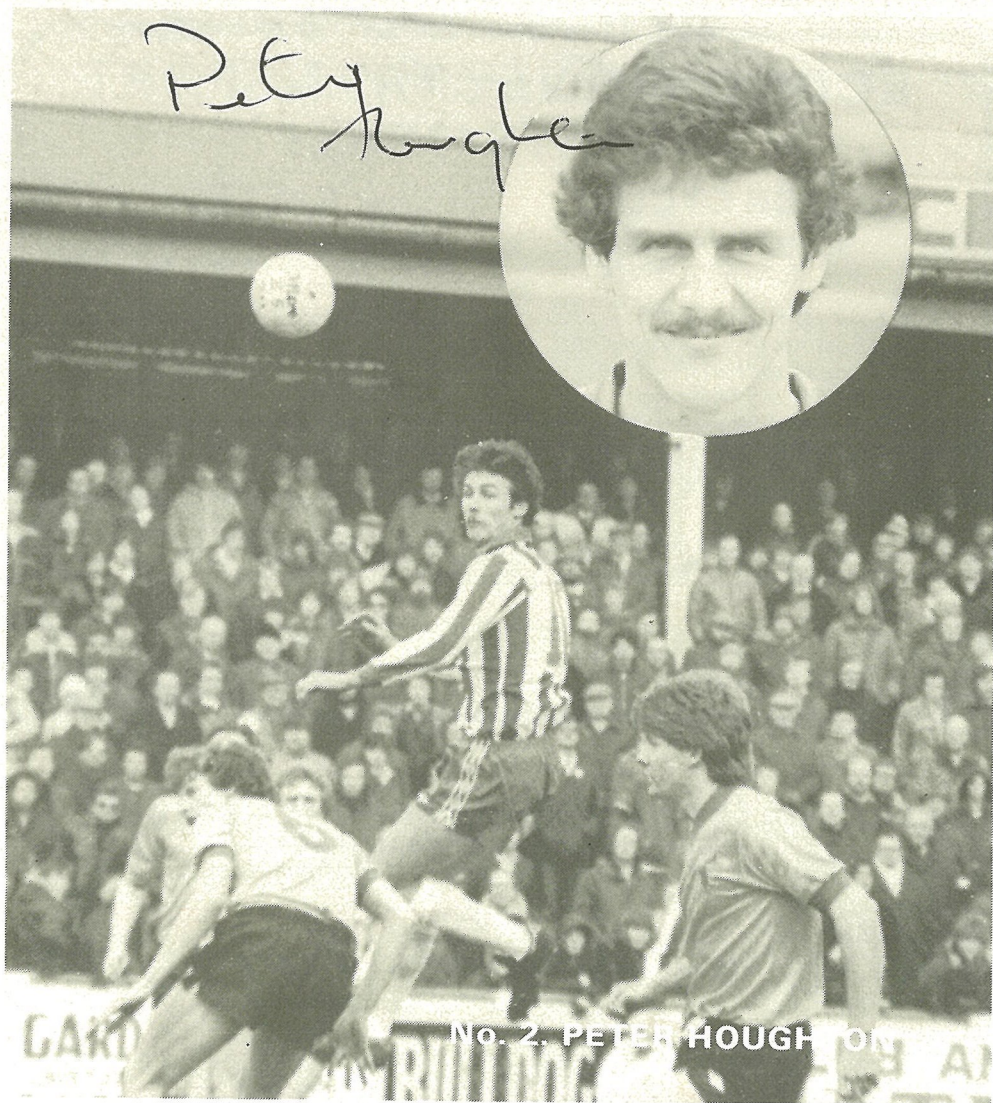
"Showing the right spirit after a fierce mid-field clash — Roy McFarland & Larry Lloyd dance the tension away". *Photography by David Cookson.*

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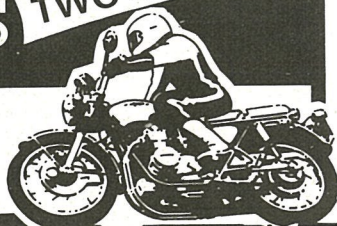
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OPENING NIGHT GET TOGETHER

WELL, we are almost there, on Monday evening at 6.45 p.m. in the Wigan Athletic Supporters' Club the FIRST meeting of the 'JUNIOR LATICS' takes place and what a meeting it promises to be. Bobby Charlton, O.B.E., Mr. Freddy Pye, Larry Lloyd, Fred Eyre, Ken Banks and members of the playing staff will be there to talk, answer your questions and sign autographs.

We are also holding a grand raffle with lots of prizes.

Members will be able to buy items from the souvenir stall at a discount of 10%.

We will also be taking names for the mascot scheme as well as for the 'Junior Latics' under 12's football squad.

So all in all it is going to be a night to remember for all 'Junior Latics' members and don't forget you can bring along a friend, BOY or GIRL, because they can join on the night providing they bring their enrolment fee of £1.50.

Curtain Raiser

We have been extremely lucky to have had last season's Primary League Champions, Wigan Central, playing in both our Curtain Raisers. They and their opponents, Hindley in the first game and Christ Church, Bolton in the second game, have impressed us with their skill and commitment and the Committee of the 'Junior Latics' wish to thank all three teams and their officials for all the effort.

We hope that any future games staged will be under the name of 'Junior Latics' and that any boys playing for the team will be wearing the blue and white of Wigan Athletic.

Matchday Mascot

Today's Mascot is Darren Walsh.

He is 11 years old and attends Rose Bridge High School.

Darren says he likes all sport but his main interest is soccer at which he captained his school team last season, scoring 22 goals.

His favourite players are Kevin Keegan and Trevor Francis and his ambition is to play for England.



JUNIOR LATICS



P I C T U R E



Above: Kevin Sheldon is sent sprawling by Bradford City skipper Billy Ingham. **Below:** Les Bradd puts the Bradford City goal under pressure with his header. *Photographs by courtesy of David Cookson.*



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STATISTICS



Home fixtures in capitals.
Wigan scores first

Player scoring bold.
† Player substituted.

²Figure indicates no. of goals scored by player.
*In result column indicates opponents own goal.

DATE	FIXTURE	F	A	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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AUG. 29	Bradford City	3 - 3	4,229	Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon†	Barrow	Bradd	Quinn	Evans ²	Houghton
AUG. 31	STOCKPORT COUNTY F.L.C 1st Leg.	3 - 1	5,079	Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd	Quinn	Evans	Houghton

SEPT. 5	SHEFFIELD UNITED															
Sept. 12	Hartlepool United															
Sept. 14	Stockport County F.L.C 2nd Leg.															
Sept. 19	NORTHAMPTON TOWN															
Sept. 23	PORT VALE															
Sept. 26	Tranmere Rovers															
Sept. 29	A.F.C. Bournemouth															

OCT. 3	TORQUAY UNITED															
Oct. 7	League Cup 2 1st Leg.															
Oct. 10	STOCKPORT COUNTY															
Oct. 17	Hull City															
Oct. 20	Bury															
Oct. 24	SCUNTHORPE UNITED															
Oct. 28	League Cup 2 2nd Leg.															
Oct. 30	Colchester United.															

NOV. 4	DARLINGTON															
Nov. 7	HEREFORD UNITED															
Nov. 14	York City															
Nov. 21	F.A. Cup 1.															
Nov. 28	Rochdale															

DEC. 5	HALIFAX TOWN															
Dec. 12	F.A. Cup 2.															
Dec. 19	ALDERSHOT															
Dec. 26	Crewe Alexandra															
Dec. 28	BLACKPOOL															

IN APPRECIATION

The Wigan Athletic Football Club would like to express its appreciation to THE ELECTRIC SHOP (MICRON), for their generosity in sponsoring today's game against Sheffield United. This locally-based company, under the guidance of our old friend, John Oakes, takes a very active interest in our club and has carried out many first class jobs on our behalf in the past. Currently setting quite a pace in the field of video sales and hire services, Micron would like to draw attention to their attractive list of titles in stock, covering sport, action and horror movies. For as little as £1.50 a night, your local Tandy store offers you generous rental terms on video films. Please support this company, which has done so much to help our club.

We again welcome the kind support offered in terms of a match ball donation by Mr. T.H. Bleasdale who provides a business and income tax consultancy. Tom, a keen supporter, can always be relied upon to assist the club when the need arises. He wishes us to adopt as our slogan for the coming season "Division Three — Here we come".

1982

JAN. 2	Mansfield Town
JAN. 9	Sheffield United
JAN. 16	PETERBOROUGH UNITED
JAN. 23	BRADFORD CITY
JAN. 30	Northampton Town
FEB. 6	HARTLEPOOL UNITED
FEB. 8	Port Vale
FEB. 13	Torquay United
FEB. 20	TRANMERE ROVERS
FEB. 26	Stockport County
MAR. 6	HULL CITY
MAR. 10	BURY
MAR. 12	Scunthorpe United
MAR. 16	Darlington
MAR. 20	COLCHESTER UNITED
MAR. 27	Hereford United
APR. 2	YORK CITY
APR. 9	Blackpool
APR. 10	CREWE ALEXANDRA
APR. 17	Halifax Town
APR. 24	ROCHDALE
MAY 1	Peterborough United
MAY 5	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH
MAY 8	MANSFIELD TOWN
MAY 15	Aldershot

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP, FIRST ROUND, FIRST LEG

This week's results.

A.F.C. Bournemouth	0	Fulham	1
Aldershot	0	Wimbledon	0
Bolton Wanderers	2	Oldham Athletic	1
Bradford City	3	Blackpool	1
Bristol City	2	Walsall	0
Bury	3	Carlisle United	3
Cardiff City	2	Exeter City	1
Chester	2	Plymouth Argyle	2 (match abandoned)
Colchester United	2	Gillingham	0
Crewe Alexandra	1	Bristol Rovers	1
Darlington	1	Rotherham United	3
Doncaster Rovers	0	Chesterfield	0
Halifax Town	1	Preston North End	2
Hereford United	1	Port Vale	1
Huddersfield Town	3	Rochdale	1
Lincoln City	3	Hull City	0
Northampton Town	2	Hartlepool United	0
Orient	1	Millwall	1
Oxford United	2	Brentford	0
Peterborough United	1	Barnsley	3
Reading	2	Charlton Athletic	2
Scunthorpe United	0	Mansfield Town	2
Sheffield United	0	York City	0
Southend United	0	Portsmouth	0
Torquay United	2	Newport County	3
Tranmere Rovers	4	Burnley	2
Wigan Athletic	3	Stockport County	0
Wrexham	3	Swindon Town	2

SECOND LEG FIXTURES TO BE PLAYED

THE WEEK COMMENCING 14th SEPTEMBER, 1981.

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Comment FROM THE CHAIR

THE CHAIRMAN has invited me to write the article in his personal column this week, and it would be very remiss of me, if I did not commence by welcoming to Springfield Park, for their first ever visit, the Chairman, directors, manager and team of the Sheffield United Football Club.

At the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday last, the Chairman, on behalf of the Board, presented me with a watch for services rendered to the club over the past fifty years, and that gave me great satisfaction, not just to receive a valuable watch, but to know that my life service to the game (Wigan Athletic in particular), has been appreciated by the present Board.

As the Chairman pointed out at the meeting, I have served in every official position in the Wigan Athletic Football Club, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Supporters' Club Financial Secretary, and now a new position recently created for me — Assistant Secretary. I might add, way back in 1932, I played for the second team at

Darwen, when one lad failed to turn up. I have had a limp ever since!! The only time I have been away from Springfield Park was during the war years, when I was forced to serve six years in the Royal Air Force. During that time my father acted as Secretary.

I have seen many ups and downs — mostly downs — especially in non-league football. I well remember just after the war, when we were trying to get the club going again — one of our first games was at Oldham. We hired an old coach with wooden seats for cheapness, and invited passengers at 3/6d. a time. The demand for seats was so great, that Arthur Horrocks and myself stood up all the way to Oldham, but what we collected from passengers helped to pay wages, which we made up in the Oldham Boardroom.

Our first game that year was at Runcorn, and this game changed our colours from Red and White to Blue. To get shirts, we had to collect clothing coupons and the supplier was only able to supply the shirts in blue — from then on we have played in that colour.

I could go on and on, but it would more than fill the programme.

Enjoy the game,

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Jack Farrimond.



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Solutions to Puzzle Page

SOCCER NINETY NINER No. 2 — Across: 1. Larry 5. Daniel 7. Teddy 9. Hampden Park 11. Bosko 13. Roeder 14. level. Down: 1. Latchford 2. red 3. Villans 4. Blackpool 6. Alan 8. Dempsey 10. Dave 12. one (1904). QUICK QUIZ NO. 2. 1. Spurs beat Wolves in 1972; 2. Manchester City; 3. Steve Coppell (1978-80); 4. Nobody! 5. Norman Hunter. MIXED DOUBLES No. 2 Albion; Saints. CLUB CLUE No. 2 Arsenal (anag.) ON THE BALL No. 2 Wales; Derby; Dally; clubs.

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- 2 John McMahon
- 3 David Glenn
- 4 Alex Cribley
- 5 Larry Lloyd
- 6 Colin Methven
- 7 Kevin Sheldon
- 8 Graham Barrow
- 9 Peter Houghton
- 10 Mike Quinn
- 11 Clive Evans
- 12 Steve McAdam

TEAM CHECK

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A married man with two children he is an Office Manager with the Cheshire County Council. He is interested in all sports and enjoys a game of squash or tennis. He is actively involved in the administration of local football and coaching referees.

Linesmen:
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MR. G. APLIN **MR. M.J. HIRST**
(Kendal) (Formby)

FOR YOUR RECORDS

H.T. SCORE:

F.T. SCORE:

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SCORERS

LATICS:

VISITORS:



**SHEFFIELD
UNITED**
(Yellow/Brown Stripes)

- 1 Keith Waugh
- 2 John Ryan
- 3 Tony Kenworthy
- 4 Les Tibbott
- 5 John MacPhail
- 6 John McAllee
- 7 Mike Trusson
- 8 Trenton Wigan
- 9 Steve Neville
- 10 Bob Hatton
- 11 Steve Charles
- 12 Paul Garner

"HERE NEXT"
Saturday, 19th September, 1981
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.
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